

to support the reissue application. Applicant notes that the Examiner raised this issue for the first time in the Office Action of June 20, 2001. Because this rejection could have been raised in the Office Action dated January 18, 2001, but was not, and nothing in Applicant's response dated April 10, 2001, necessitated this new rejection, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the finality of this Office Action dated June 20, 2001.

Notwithstanding Applicant's objection to the Examiner's rejection of this application based on a purported problem with the original Reissue Declaration, to move prosecution of this application along, Applicant submits herewith a Supplemental Reissue Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175 identifying at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. For example, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Supplemental Declaration.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Request for Reconsideration be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1-50 in condition for allowance.

Applicant submits that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

Applicant therefore requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

The undersigned representative further invites the Examiner to contact him at (202) 408-4000 if the Examiner has any issues concerning this application for discussion.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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